

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 2, lines 13 – 17, of the specification are amended as follows:

ai The method of the present invention is characterized primarily in that a gas that contains sulfur dioxide, and a gas that contains hydrogen, are conveyed to a catalyzer for producing a gas that contains elemental sulfur and hydrogen sulfide ~~sulfite~~; this gas is conveyed to the flue gas upstream of the separator.
